

# Thunderhead Beowulf Cluster Workshop

November 22, 2004

## Procedures for Obtaining Access to the Thunderhead Commodity Cluster

- Electronic Access to the Thunderhead Commodity Cluster ([thunder1.gsfc.nasa.gov](http://thunder1.gsfc.nasa.gov)) is administered through the NASA Center for Computational Sciences (NCCS) User Services Group at GSFC
- To request access, printout an NCCS User Administration Form from the Thunderhead web site: <http://thunderhead.gsfc.nasa.gov>
- All foreign nationals requesting access must also complete NASA Form 531 (Name Check Request) obtained from (<http://eitsb.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/foreign-natls.stm>) in order for a National Agency Check (NAC) to be completed



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- Complete the form(s) with the required information (except where noted by an N/A). (If you need assistance, contact the NCCS User Services Group by e-mail at [support@nccs.gsfc.nasa.gov](mailto:support@nccs.gsfc.nasa.gov) or by telephone at 301-286-9120. The NCCS User Services Group is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time USA except on Federal Holidays.)
- Send the completed form(s) to the Thunderhead Sponsor, Richard H. Schneider, at the following address:  
Richard H. Schneider  
Goddard Space Flight Center Mail  
Code 630 Bldg. 26, Room 128 Greenbelt, MD 20771



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- Questions concerning authorization and access should be directed to the Sponsor at [richard.h.schneider@nasa.gov](mailto:richard.h.schneider@nasa.gov) or 301-805-9152.
- The Sponsor will authorize access with his signature and forward the form(s) to the NCCS User Services Group for further processing. (In the case of foreign national requests, this may include forwarding the forms to the GSFC Enterprise IT Security Branch for the National Agency Check.)
- On-site requesters will be notified by the NCCS User Services Group when their access has been set up. Each on-site requester will be requested to come to the NCCS User Services Group office (Bldg. 28, Room S231) to receive their RSA Key Token and their initial temporary password



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- Off-site requesters will be mailed their RSA Key Token. Upon receipt of the RSA Key Token each off-site requester will be required to telephone the NCCS Users Group at 301-286-9120 to obtain their initial temporary password.
- This process can take up to ten (10) business days to be completed (This does not include the completion of the National Agency Check.)

